

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 have been cancelled, Claim 15 has been amended, Claim 16 has been retained as an original claim and Claims 17-22 have been added so that Claims 15-22 correspond to the latest version of claims examined in parent application U.S. Serial No. 09/431,223, filed on November 1, 1999 (CPA filed on November 21, 2002).

Accompanying the application is a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(a) requesting a suspension of action in the present case for a period of six (6) months from the filing date of the present continuation application so that further comparative tests may be conducted along the lines suggested by the Examiner in the comments on the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 given in the Official Action mailed May 7, 2003 in the parent application. The suspension of action will result in the preparation and filing of a further Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 before the expiration of the requested suspension of action. It is requested that the suspension of action be granted.

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